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UTAH—EXPENSES INCURRED IN SUPPRESSING INDIAN HOSTILITIES.

[To accompany Bill H. R. No. 435.]

MARCH 23, 1860.

Mr. STANTON, from the Committee on Military Affairs, made the following

REPORT.

The Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the claim of the Territory of Utah for reimbursement of expenses incurred by said Territory in suppressing Indian hostilities in 1853, now report:

That they have had the same under consideration, and find, from papers submitted to the committee, that the territorial authorities of the Territory of Utah expended in hostilities with various Indian tribes on her borders in the year 1853 the sum of seventy-six thousand and seventeen dollars and forty cents, for which the most complete and satisfactory vouchers are furnished by the accounting officers of the Territory.

The liability of the federal government for necessary expenses incurred by the States and Territories in repelling invasions of their Territory by a foreign enemy, or of hostile tribes of Indians within their borders, has been so often recognized that it can no longer be considered an open question.

The committee also believe that the action of the State and territorial authorities in calling out their military force and engaging in hostilities furnished at least *prima facie* evidence of the necessity for their action.

As there is no evidence before the committee tending to show that these expenses were unnecessarily incurred, the committee feel bound to recognize the liability of the claim.

But whilst the committee recognize the liability of the claim for reasonable and necessary expenses, they do not recognize the obligation of this government to pay, for military services or supplies, the prices and amounts prescribed by the State or territorial laws and authorities.

The prices claimed, in some instances, seem to the committee to be so exorbitant that they have considered it their duty to adopt some principle that would operate equally in all parts of the confederacy.

And in doing so, they have resolved to allow to troops called into service by the territorial authorities the same pay, rations, &c., that

are allowed to the same description of troops in the service of the United States, in the same locality.

Mounted troops were allowed, by the Territory of Utah, the sum of two dollars per day for the men, and fifty cents per day for a horse.

United States troops on the Pacific coast are allowed seventy-two and one-half cents per day, (including 12½ cents for clothing,) for a private soldier; and when he furnishes his own horse, forty cents per day for the use of his horse.

The committee have therefore computed the pay and allowances of officers and soldiers according to the rates allowed to the United States troops serving on the Pacific coast in 1853, thereby reducing the claim \$22,505 20.

The supplies furnished seem to the committee to be reasonable, both in quantity and in price, and therefore make no deduction from the amount claimed.

The committee therefore report a bill making an appropriation of fifty-three thousand five hundred and twelve dollars and twenty cents, being the exact amount of said expenditures after deducting from the pay and allowances of the officers and soldiers the said sum of \$22,505 20.